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(U) Poloff discussed points in reftel with Georg Heindl of the MFA Human Rights Department September 9. Heindl told Poloff the GOA would again support country-specific resolutions on Iran, Burma, and North Korea. However, he reported the GOA was skeptical of the chances for UNGA success on a Zimbabwe resolution, and would prefer to wait for the results of the African-led mediation efforts. He expressed concern about the abuse of no-action motions and pledged support. Although Heindl said the MFA was concerned about freedom of expression infringements and supported the Declaration on Prisoners of Conscience, he mentioned the GOA would like to see the U.S. participate in the Human Rights Council.

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